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FIREFIGHTERS SAVE ANOTHER LIFE

June 20, 2011 --- On Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 2:08pm, the Hartford Fire Department responded to 61 Deerfield St. for "a person not breathing". The closest emergency responders were already committed to expediting a different emergency. Deputy Chief Carol Stiles made a command decision to reassign a closer Engine Company to handle the "not breathing" call. Engine Co 2 was reassigned to the emergency medical call and arrived to find a 61 year old female in full cardiac arrest. LT Kyle Krupa, FF Thomas LeBrun, FF Atif Edwards, and FF Fred Nelson worked feverishly to save the Hartford resident's life. They initiated Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), attached an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and monitored her vital signs.

Fire Chief Edward Casares, Jr. stated, "Our firefighters just wouldn't give up."

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra added, "This is yet another example of how our Hometown Heroes go above and beyond the call of duty each and every day. Our public safety personnel-- fire, police, and emergency services—are our first line of defense. I salute the quick and clear thinking and reaction by the HFD that saved the life of a Hartford resident."

Prior to the firefighter's arrival, Hartford Communications dispatcher Kathy Tischofer provided pre-arrival medical instructions over the phone. American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance personnel John Bunnell, Drew Mitchell, Dan Carriean and Sarah Atwood arrived on scene and provided advanced life support in conjunction with the Hartford Firefighters treatment and transported the patient to St Francis Hospital. The patient's pulse returned and vital signs were stabilized.

The Hartford Fire Department would like to remind you of these critical factors when dealing with a cardiac medical emergency: Call 911 immediately, start CPR right away (when no pulse or breathing is detected), early use of an AED and advanced life support care delivered within 6-8 minutes. The American Heart Association states that when CPR and defibrillation are provided within eight minutes of a cardiac arrest episode, a person's chance of survival increases to 20%. When these steps are provided within four minutes and a paramedic arrives within eight minutes, the likelihood of survival increases to over 40%.

The Hartford Fire Department is proud of its personnel and the professional care and conduct they provide to its citizens every day. We also extend our appreciation to the professionals from the Hartford Communications Dispatch Center and AMR that we work with on a daily basis.

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